

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STRENGTHENING RESCUE INFRASTRUCTURE ON ROADS

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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of the number of road accidents in the country, the Government has any proposal to strengthen the rescue infrastructure on roads by providing cranes, fully equipped ambulances and trained personnel on the National Highways and vital roads in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken in this regard;

(c) whether the Government/NHAI has reviewed the effectiveness of the various measures taken for commuter safety on the National Highways and the success achieved therefrom; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI MAHADEO SINGH KHANDELA)

(a) & (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is implementing a Scheme namely "Project for establishment of trauma care facilities along National Highways" during the 11th Five Year Plan, at a total outlay of Rs. 732.75 crore to develop a network of Trauma Centers along the Golden Quadrilateral, North-South and East West Corridors of the National Highways to help the accident victims. National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is providing ambulances on an average at every 50 km interval on completed stretches of National Highways through O&M contractors /concessionaire with basic life support system along with para medical staff as approved by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare. Till now, NHAI has provided 155 ambulances on the National Highways entrusted to it. Details of these ambulances are at Annexure I. Further, the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways is committed to provide 140 advanced life support ambulances to 140 identified hospitals under this Scheme of Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

In addition to the above, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, under the scheme "National Highways Accident Relief Service Scheme (NHARSS)" has provided 307 ten ton cranes, 70 Small/Medium sized cranes and 437 ambulances to the States/ UTs/NGOs for relief and rescue measures in the aftermath of accidents by way of evacuating road accident victims to nearest medical aid centre and for clearing the accident site. Details of these cranes and ambulances are at Annexure-II. Similarly, NHAI is also providing cranes stationed at toll plazas through O&M contractors /concessionaires on completed stretches of National Highways. Details of route patrols and cranes deployed by NHAI are enclosed at Annex III.

(c) & (d) Yes Sir. Road Safety Audit was conducted on 2,825 km of selected National Highways and Expressway sections on Western Transport Corridor starting from Delhi and passing through Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and part of East-West Corridor from Porbandar to Deesa and also on 483 km stretch of Lucknow-Muzaffarpur section of NH 28, by NHAI. Effectiveness of various measures taken for commuter's safety on National Highway has been reviewed and has been found generally satisfactory.